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Come to Mexico Silo and Dairy Days, June 5th and 6th. Your Neighbors Will Be Here. Come.

KILLED IN AU-TO ACCIDENT

Merritt Roberts, Ray Gregory and Mrs. Kelly Quisenberry and Mrs. Lizzie Mudd left Mexico last Friday evening, about six o'clock, in an auto for Fulton. They arrived safely at their destination. Near 10 o'clock they started on their return home. Mr. Roberts was driving the machine and missed his road. Northwest of Fulton they stopped at a farm house to inquire the way. They proceeded as directed but had gone only a short distance when they came to sharp turn in the road and in making the turn the machine went into the ditch and turned over. All were thrown out and Mrs. Mudd was caught under the machine and her skull was broken. The other occupants were badly hurt also. Mrs. Mudd lived four hours. The others are recovering all right.

Mrs. Mudd's late home was at Vandalia, where the body was taken for burial. Her husband was killed in a coal mine at Vandalia last fall. She leaves a little son five years old.

COUNTY SCHOOL MATTERS.

The June examination for teachers will be held in McMillan High School Friday and Saturday, June 5th and 6th.

Miss Anna McMurry, a Hardin graduate, will teach at Rising Sun this next year.

Miss Blanche Taylor has been employed by the Caithorn Board.

Miss Mabel Hickman, of the McMillan Teacher Training Class, will teach at Maple Grove.

The Vandalia board has re-employed all the grade teachers—Misses Gooch, Griggsby, Neal, Watson, Roberts, and Mesdames Ryan and Lewis, and Miss Miller and Superintendent Tugle in the high school.

Miss Adah Waters of the Vandalia Teacher Training Class has been employed by the board at Hall.

The Canada board some time ago employed Mrs. Edna L. Gorman. Mrs. Gorman succeeded in putting Canada on the approved list this last year.

Laddonia secured Mr. Weiss, the principal at Vandalia, for the past two years, for their superintendent, Miss Hermie Gibbs, the present incumbent, for principal, and Miss Geneva McCune, a graduate of the University, for the new place.

EVANGELIST REAVIS.

Rev. B. G. Reavis of this city held a revival meeting at the Christian church at Pearl, Ill., recently which resulted in 33 conversions to the church. Just before this meeting he held a meeting at Greenpond, Ill., with 31 additions to the church. Bro. Reavis is a very earnest worker in the Lord's vineyard.

LITTLE CHILD HURT.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Pease, southwest of Mexico, was seriously hurt last Friday when a gate which Mr. Pease was hanging fell on him, breaking the little fellow's hip. The child was getting along bravely at last reports.

Dr. Paul H. Linn, president of Central College at Fayette, delivered the address to the graduates of McMillan Tuesday night. It was scholarly and timely and most instructive. The honors of the class this year went to Morris Dry, first, and Miss Mildred Pearl, second.

Some Views and Interviews

W. H. Wilson: Mr. Editor, I want to know who can beat this. My wife, Mrs. Barbara Wilson, put 160 eggs in a "Sure Hatch" incubator and 153 chicks came forth. We raise the Leghorn stock, and it's my notion that you miss it to keep any other kind of hens. They are hustlers and keep in good health.

M. H. Heizer: Mrs. Heizer was a Miss Fisher before our marriage. The family settled in Audrain county on a farm on Lick Creek northwest of Laddonia. Later they improved a farm near Farber. George Fisher of Mexico and Mrs. Margaret Graham of Hannibal are sister and brother respectively. Mrs. Graham is to pay us a visit here soon. She and George Fisher and John Beal formed a trio who attended school together at the Asher school house (now Oak Grove) in this county.

J. G. Ware: I have a half-Jersey cow and she brought me twin bull calves this spring. All are alive and coming fine. A mare bore me twin mule colts, but the colts died. Proud of those calves? Sure.

W. A. Paulin: They call me a farmer and thresherman. I have 40 acres of wheat, but no Hessian fly in it. I own the old Dr. Hinde 640 acre farm. It's a fine piece of dirt. I rotate all my crops. That's why, I think, I haven't the Hessian fly this year—tho it may come to see me yet. I was a student with Farmer Rusk at the Illinois University a few years ago. Rusk is all right; he's a fine fellow.

Miss Josie Davis: I am the daughter of the late S. T. Davis, who taught for many years in this county. Mother and I now have our home at Morganville, Kansas, where I also teach. I came back to Audrain at this time principally to attend the McMillan High School Alumni banquet, and of course to visit relatives and friends, among the latter I would mention Miss Lillian Lower, near Rush Hill.

Charlie Dobyns: Put it in your paper. I was on the electric car the other day and when we neared Judge Alex Carter's place we ran onto an army of army worms crossing the track. The wheels of the car slipped and the worms had to be swept from the rails before we could pass on. That's a true worm story all right.

W. T. Wilkerson: What's going to hit the farmer next after the army worm? I don't know, the devil I reckon. But let's not worry. It could be worse. I presume the true optimist would philosophize, God's still in his heaven, and all's right with the world.

J. R. Edwards: Yes, the army worms have been to see me. W. E. Sharp has been having quite a battle with them. My partner and I have 120 acres of corn planted and 118 acres of oats. The drouth has cut the oats away short.

Rev. E. S. Gibbs: I spent a week recently with my brother, E. T. Gibbs, at Minneola. Brother owns a large farm down there. He formerly lived in the Hall district, southeast of Mexico.

John Hart, a colored boy, was sentenced to the Reform School this week on the charge of stealing corn from Pollock Milling Co.

LADDONIA MENTIONS.

Death From Lockjaw—L. C. Moore as a Speller—A New Baby.

Laddonia, Mo., June 1.—Everybody in this good little town returned thanks last Thursday; it rained. We needed it. We were suffering for water and the army worm had invaded us.

The community mourns the passing away of Chris A. Smith. He was a good citizen. He was human and had his faults, like the rest of us, but he had his good points as well. Four of his old friends from Mexico attended the funeral—John Beal, J. W. Freeman, J. A. Pierce and Price Cunningham. This community will miss Chris Smith.

Miss Bessie Scobee of Mexico is visiting Mrs. C. C. Ingram. Joe C. Jesse and wife are here on a visit to Mrs. Jesse's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Ferris. They came here direct from Albuquerque, N. M. Mr. Jesse suffered a hard sick spell recently. Mrs. T. H. Slavens is in ill health. —has not been well for some time. Mrs. Field Akridge has been quite unwell for some time. Mrs. Bob Ferris is recovering from from an affliction of rheumatism.

Sam T. Torreyson, out northwest from here, has a new offspring. It is a daughter. The little one came into the home about five weeks ago. Sam says she's worth more'n four million dollars. The parents have named her Lucy Elizabeth.

J. N. Githens is the tinner with John DeLaporte. L. C. Moore says he's been in the same store 16 months and he can't spell that name yet.

Sam Moomaw and Dan Mohr, both of this community, are in the Mexico Hospital. Their many friends here are very solicitous that both may be restored to health soon.

Wm. Rex and wife have moved back to Laddonia from Mexico. Mr. Rex has a position with E. J. Hamilton.

Clarence Meehlin, son of R. S. Meehlin, near here, died last Wednesday night from lockjaw. A week before a shoe he had been wearing rubbed a sore place on one of his heels, causing him to take to his bed, finally resulting in death from the cause named above. The stricken home has the sympathy of the community.

THE MEXICO TEACHERS.

A number of Mexico teachers will be away from home this summer. The following will be at the Missouri University: Misses Mary Stallings, Ruth Averitt, Edith Ethridge, Nannie Wright and Minnie Stallings; Messrs. C. C. Roselle, James Culbertson, Robert Campbell and H. B. Bruner.

The following will attend the Kirksville Normal: Mrs. Laura Hougland and Misses Sallie Garrett, Willie Whitson, Hazelting Fry, Frances Cauthern, Jennie Karnes and Judith Jones.

Miss Elizabeth Gill will attend Colorado University at Boulder. Miss Archie Cook will attend the University of Chicago. Miss Genevieve Barley will be at Springfield Normal. H. L. Collett will attend Stout Institute of Wisconsin.

Joseph Murray, who lived in this city many years ago and who was City Marshal at one time, died at his late home in San Jose, Cali, a few days ago. Mr. Murray was a native of Scotland.

HOME-COMING DAY.

Features for the Program This Fall Are Suggested.

The Commercial Club is perfecting arrangements for a great home-coming time in Mexico this fall. R. D. Worrell of the Club suggests that the opening day be on Sunday with former ministers in the Mexico pulpits. In the afternoon a sacred concert by a large band will be held in the open air. Monday night will be a Chinese lantern parade of children with cash prizes for the prettiest lantern made by the bearer. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights, Paine's Fire Works, showing "Barbarous Mexico," "The Last Days of Pompeii" and another spectacle—a different one each night. Friday afternoon and night the Hardin College Pageant and Masque. Saturday is yet without a feature.

No concessions will be sold on the street and only high-class attractions, most of them free, will be engaged.

HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI.

Give Big Banquet—Flag Raised at Midnight.

McMillan High School Association banquet for this year was held at Greer Hall Friday night. About 200 guests were present. Harrison Brown of Columbia acted as toastmaster, and he made a good one, too. Invocation by Rev. W. A. Shollenberger. A quartet by Messrs. Bruner, Dry, Kelso and Gibbs. Welcome to the 1914 Seniors, Miss Mary Dearing. Response, Leonard Coatsworth. Toast, Mrs. Claire Grantham Bush, of Columbia. Motherhood and Woman's Equality Before the Law. George Marshall presented the subject, "College from the Inside," a fine talk. Mrs. Maude Carter Tineher talked of the "Modern Diana" a fine address also. Joseph McIntyre of St. Louis, of the Class of 1892, talked of personal recollections, an address of humor, pathos and points well taken. He had a special word for Profs. D. A. McMillan and B. W. Torreyson.

After the delicious menu the guests assembled at the High School Building to witness the flag raising—a flagstaff and flag presented by the class of 1914. There were fireworks and a spotlight, and as the band played "Amerien" the beautiful flag was raised to its place amid hand clapping and applause.

MR. McCUTCHEON DEAD.

James N. McCutcheon died at his home in Santa Fe neighborhood last Sunday. The funeral was held at South Fork church Tuesday with the honors of the Masonic order. The wife and several children survive him. He was a good citizen and the community will miss him.

HIS NOSE BROKEN.

J. C. Davis of this city, selling silos in the neighborhood of Maryville, Mo., was in a runaway one day last week and was thrown from a buggy, the fall breaking his nose and severely bruising and injuring his back.

Mexico Savings Bank

Capital Stock, \$150,000.00

43rd Year in Business.

W. W. FRY, President.

SAM LOCKE, Cashier.

RUSH HILL ITEMS.

Mrs. Mundy Dead—Elmer Baehr Hurt—"Juice Buggies" Purchased.

Rush Hill, Mo., June 1.—Mrs. W. S. Doolin is visiting relatives in St. Louis. Mrs. C. L. Stewart spent last week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hale, near Martinsburg. Mrs. Hale has just returned from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. L. C. McCall, of Bartlesville, Okla., who is in very poor health. Mrs. McCall and children accompanied Mrs. Hale home to spend the summer.

Chas. Mattes and wife and babies of St. Louis are visiting Mr. Mattes' parents north of town. Miss May Coleman returned home from Columbia last Friday, where she has been visiting for some time. Mrs. Geo. Baehr, who has been in poor health for some time is able to be out again. J. L. Carnes is able to be up and around the house after a stroke of paralysis recently.

The M. E. church will have a program, celebrating Children's Day, Sunday night, June 1st. Those drilling the children are Mrs. L. E. Peery, Misses Laura Maxwell, Grace Baehr and Flo Underwood.

The Red and Blue Contest at the Christian church is becoming very interesting. They have a large S. S. and with Mrs. Beulah Bigelow as superintendent, and Mrs. Barney, Misses Lower and Greer as teachers, we predict great success for their future.

Those who have purchased "juice buggies" here lately are Pete Erdell, Jr., L. H. Sims and Wallace Feutz. W. S. Doolin, H. C. Carnes, and L. E. Peery contemplate buying them in the near future.

Several Masons went from here last Thursday afternoon to assist their lodge at Laddonia in the last sad rites at the burial of Mr. Chris Smith. Those who went from here were: W. H. Barney, H. C. Carnes, W. S. Doolin and Val. Erdel, Jr.

Miss Beulah Snook is teaching art here to a large class of pupils.

Miss Nina Kennen has organized a club among her music pupils which meets every two weeks and have very interesting programs. The pupils study the lives of the old Masters, besides playing their compositions. Several pupils were absent, making the program shorter this week than common. It was as follows: Se Carillon, duet, played by Mrs. H. Carnes and Miss Florence Underwood. Life of Carl Van Vebur, by Mary Stuart. 5 me Nocturne, played by Miss Beulah Greer. Opera El Trovatore, read by Edna Erdel. Sextette from Lucia, read by Miss Kennen. Sextette, played by Mary Stuart. Martha, by Miss Florence Underwood. Next meeting they study Mendelssohn.

Misses Anna Miller and Florence Underwood will leave the 10th of this month to attend summer school at Columbia.

"Grandma" Mundy, a pioneer resident of Rush Hill, who had been ill for some time, died at her home Sunday morning at six o'clock. She was a grand good woman.

While playing by a post on the porch of the residence of H. C. Carnes early Monday morning, Elmer Baehr caught his ring, worn on the middle finger of his left hand, on a hammock hook and lacerated his finger so badly it had to be amputated. Dr. Moore performed the operation, and at this writing Elmer is doing nicely.

AUDRAIN MAN IN MONTANA

Hardin, Mont., May 23.

Dear Message:—As you and a good many other friends have asked me to write them I will try to do so, if you will allow me a little space in your good paper.

When we left grand old Missouri we felt as tho we had left our last friend behind us, for we had left home, children and friends; everything that was dear to us was gone. But as we traveled west and began to see new sights, we began to cheer up a little, and the farther west we came the better the country looked. We saw many beautiful sights.

We arrived at Hardin, Mont., on the eve of March 23. Was met at the station by John R. Wade, of Centralia, who took us to the Albany Hotel where he had rooms engaged for us. The next morning of Miss McDonnell, of Centralia, called on us. We then began to think we were not out of the land of the living, but were near to the garden of Eden. Miss Mattie McDonnell is in the millinery business and is doing well. John R. Wade has a fine position here at \$100.00 per month. Walter Rigg and family are also living in Hardin. Mr. Rigg has a paying position at the light plant. They all like it here fine. Albert Snow is getting along fine with his farming. He will build on his ranch this fall. If you Missouri people are satisfied where you are, I would advise you to never make this country a visit, for you will never be satisfied there again.

The morning of the 24th was showing but by noon the sun was shining bright and the snow was all gone. We have had pretty weather most of the time. Have had three freezes, froze once about 1-4 inch. We have some cloudy weather and have some rain. Have not had to irrigate any yet. I believe there has only been one day the sun did not shine some time during the day. We also have fine roads. I have been running my car ever since I came. There are lots of cars in and around Hardin. Hardin is a wide-awake little town. Its population is about 1,000, and, remember, it is only six years old. The people in this valley are mostly from Missouri, Iowa and Illinois. They are a busy class of folks and believe in having good schools. Hardin has a nine months' school and pays the principal \$1,300, and the other teachers get good salaries. The rural school buildings are all up-to-date. The younger tribe of Indians are all sent to school and some are finely educated. Hardin is in Big Horn Valley on the Burlington R. R., 60 miles east of Billings, on the Big Horn River. The town has many substantial business houses and fine residences. Ethan Howell, formerly of Mexico has a very beautiful home in Hardin and is doing well here. Hardin possesses a water system, a telephone system, has two churches, one alfalfa mill, a fine high school, and electric lights. The Big Horn River is a very swift, deep stream. Little Big Horn River also traverses this county. On this stream is the Custer Battle field National

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J. E. Sterner has traded his farm near Molino for a stock of merchandise at Wright City.